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| Applicant: SHANE J. VAN SLOUN et al. | |
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| Filed: Herewith | |
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NEW DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), 1.63 and 1.78 are the following papers in connection with the above-identified divisional patent application:

1. Complete divisional patent application, including 12 pages of specification, 4 page(s) of claims, 1 page abstract;
2. 10 sheets of drawings of Figures 1 - 8 as described in the specification;
3. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in Original Application filed in the prior application (executed 4 pages);
4. Claims Fee Calculation Sheet (1 page);
5. Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, for \$1,064.00 for the filing fee;
6. Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO 1449 (3 pages); and
7. Return postcard.

A self-addressed return postcard in accordance with M.P.E.P. Section 503 itemizing all of the above-referenced documents filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

PARTICULARS OF PRIOR APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/093,222 filed March 6, 2002 entitled Integral Base Plate With Boss Tower, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/273,749 filed March 6, 2001.

ASSIGNMENT

An assignment of the prior application to Hutchinson Technology Incorporated was recorded with the Patent and Trademark Office on June 4, 2002 at Reel 012959, Frame 0162.

FILING FEES/DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

In the event the amount submitted herewith is insufficient in any respect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the balance needed to our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same. This authorization shall be treated as requesting a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) of the appropriate length that may be necessary now or in the future.

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FILING DATE:

Please place this application on file upon receipt with a filing date of **January 30, 2004.**

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CLAIMS FEE CALCULATION
CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

| | Number Filed | | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee |
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| | | | | | \$ 770 |
| Total Claims | 22 | - 20 = | 2 | x \$ 18 | \$ 36 |
| Total Independent Claims | 6 | - 3 = | 3 | x \$ 86 | \$ 258 |
| Multiply Dependent Claims | 0 | | | \$ 290 | \$ 0 |
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